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NYISO Names Henry Chao Vice President of System & Resource Planning

Rensselaer, N.Y. – The Board of Directors of the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) has named Henry Chao, Ph.D., as Vice President of System & Resource Planning.

Dr. Chao was promoted to the position from his role as Director of System & Resource Planning, a position he has held since joining the NYISO in April 2007.

“The NYISO Board of Directors recognized Henry Chao’s superb performance in directing the NYISO’s expanding array of planning responsibilities, ranging from resource adequacy to complex transmission planning studies. He is an essential contributor to the NYISO’s leadership team, providing valuable technical analysis and strategic perspective,” said Stephen G. Whitley, the NYISO’s President and CEO.

The NYISO’s System & Resource Planning Department is responsible for the NYISO’s Comprehensive Reliability Planning Process (CRPP), evaluation of new generation, demand-side resources, and transmission and large load projects prior to their interconnections and operations, development of the Installed Reserve Margin (IRM) study for the New York State Reliability Council, and support of state, regional and inter-regional electricity system planning and coordination activities.

Dr. Chao has more than 25 years of experience in electric utility planning and operations. Prior to joining the NYISO last year, he worked for ABB, an international power and automation technologies company, where he directed model development and analysis of bulk power markets. He previously worked for Siemens PTI, a Schenectady company that provides software, training, and consulting services to utilities. He began his career in 1982 at the NARI Technology Development Company Ltd., which provides automation hardware and software for the Chinese electric power industry.

He earned a Ph.D. degree from Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Chao is Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and a Member of the IEEE Risk and Reliability and Probability Methods Subcommittee, System Economics Subcommittee, System Control Center Subcommittee, and Power System Planning Committee.

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The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) – www.nyiso.com – is a not-for-profit corporation that began operations in 1999. The NYISO operates New York’s bulk electricity grid, administers the state’s wholesale electricity markets, and performs comprehensive reliability and resource planning for the state’s bulk electricity system.